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ELECTRONIC VERIFICATION MEASURES NEEDED BY U.S.

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There is general agreement in the United States that effective monitoring of the Soviets will continue to be necessary in order for the U.S. to reduce the possibility of surprise attack and keep abreast of Soviet technology achievements and trends. This effort includes the capability of providing verification of adherence to SALT and other arms reduction agreements.

Experience with Soviet adherence to past agreements should provide adequate incentive to maintaining an effective monitoring effort.

Congress has forced coordination of some monitoring efforts through the creation of the IRA (Intelligence Related Activity) category.

DoD has been adjusting to the reality of strong Congressional demands that DoD compare surveillance budget request under the IRA umbrella.

Despite all of this, better coordination of national

efforts seem necessary, in order that effective monitoring of Soviet military activity be accomplished.

Electronic Warfare Digest recommends that a new budget element or category be created which would encompass the monitoring of all Soviet, as well as other perceived threats.

All government agencies involved in surveillance, monitoring and verification should be part of a coordinated team. This would include the Arms Control Agency, Department of State, as well as security agencies and the DoD, for example.

Electronic warfare elements could help by developing a new category called EVM (Electronic Verification Measures).

Efforts of knowledgeable EW professionals of all agencies would therefore be coordinated. This would help insure that budget requests for EVM systems would automatically be coordinated. Duplication of efforts would be reduced. Most important, the security of the U.S. would be improved through the coordinated efforts of the electronic warfare, intelligence, and the arms control communities.